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Area 6 Update! Venturing in Indiana and Ohio

Hey Central Region!

Your 2014- 2015 Central Region Area 6 Venturing Officers are excited for another great year of Venturing in Area 6! After getting together during the Central Region Planning Conference, we have decided to have our fun event the first weekend of November this year, November 7-9, at Camp Cary in Lafayette, IN. It is going to be called Taste of Venturing and it is going to be lots of fun! Our annual Leadership Conference will be held in either March or April 2015 and will be open to all Venturers to come and learn how to be a more effective leader in their crew, district, and council!

Anthony Wayne Area Council just had their annual Makahiki event and I had the privilege to attend and be a judge! I got the chance to talk with their Council VOA President and many other Venturers in the Council. After meeting so many amazing Venturers, I am ready to serve Area 6 and make it the best it can be! Make sure to stay tuned to find out about other events going on in our Area!

Yours in Venturing,

Jennifer Bullock
Area 6 Venturing President

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ALPS

Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth, Service

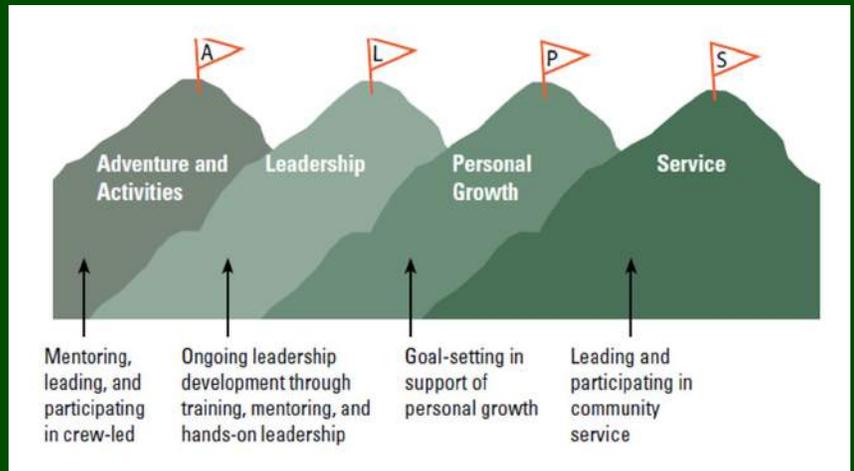
Salutations, Venturers!

Many of you have heard of and are excited for the recent changes in Venturing. I'm going to take the time here to delve further into one specific part of the new program: the ALPS Program Model.

As you might know already, the new recognition system focuses on four distinct areas of improvement: Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth, and Service. These areas can be remembered easily using the acronym "ALPS".

Growth in these four areas can be achieved simply by being an active, helpful member of your Venturing unit. Planning events, setting personal growth goals with your advisor, holding officer roles, and even just attending events will assist you in rising through the levels of Venturing.

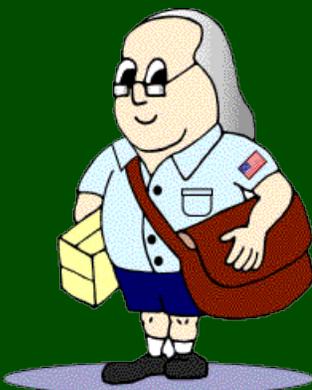
As a Venturer strengthens and advances in these four areas, they move up through the levels in Venturing. The first level is the Venturing Award, the second is the Discovery Award, the third is the Pathfinder Award, and the final and highest Venturing award in the new system is called the Summit Award. Achieving this level requires impressive growth in each of the four areas mentioned above. A handy, more specific explanation of the new recognition system and the ALPS Program Model can be found at this url: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/220-855_LowRes2.pdf



Happy Venturing!

~ Dagny Gargas

See Our Venturing— Feedback



One essential job that every single Venturer and Venturing Leader has is giving feedback to the Central Region Venturing Officers' Association and Area Venturing Officers' Associations! Whether you loved going to the Area 2 Venturing Kickback weekend or if you have some concerns about the new Changes to Venturing, you should contact someone within the Central Region VOA! You can easily send any youth or adult in the Central Region VOA an email letting them know your opinion about anything and everything! We regard your feedback very highly and work to continue what you love and to fix any problems that you may have. Send us some feedback today! It's easy at www.crventuring.org/feedback

~Brian Parro



Sea Scout Update

William I Koch International Sea Scout Cup-

The William I Koch International Sea Scout Cup features one week of sailing competition on Flying Junior sailboats crewed by two person teams. This past summer, the Koch Cup was held at Long Beach Yacht Club in California June 22-28, 2014. Since the start of the biannually held race in 2002, the event has been held in such cities as Annapolis, Md., Chicago, Miami and San Francisco. This year, Sea Scouts from Brazil, Ireland, Finland, Poland, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom descended upon Long Beach to compete in the week of races. It took the final race of the event on June 28 to decide the winners, Ben Brough and Laura Roudebush of Newport Beach, CA.



Laura Roudebush and Ben Brough, the winners of the 2014 Koch Cup, smiling with the trophy

The next Koch Cup will be held in 2016 and the qualifiers take place in 2015. All you have to do to enter to compete in the Koch Cup is to be the Apprentice rank in Sea Scouting, be between the ages of 14 and 21, and compete and rank in a preliminary sailing event. So, if your ship loves to sail, then consider attending or competing in the 2016 Koch Cup!

For more information from this past year's Koch Cup, go to: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/scouts-628265-cup-koch.html> or <http://seascoutcup.org/ssc/info.html>



Laura and Ben during the competition.

"Voice of the Sea Scout" Survey-

The National Sea Scout Boatswain is looking for your input, along with the input from all your shipmates! We need your voice in order to set a course for the future of Sea Scouting. In order for your voice to be heard, please fill out the "Voice of the Sea Scout" Survey and encourage your entire ship to do the same! From ideas on program, to technology, advancement and more, we want to know what you think! The survey should take you less than 30 minutes to complete but could bring a lasting impact to our program.

Take the Survey Here! <http://goo.gl/S6oRJk>

How did You Get on the Water-

Did you do something aquatic this summer to stay cool? Well we want to see it! If you had an amazing summer on the water, tweet or Instagram your photo with the hashtag, #getonthewater. This is a great way for people to connect and see what others are doing on the water and get ideas for their next trip! So if you did something fun and awesome this past summer, post your amazing pictures and join the trend!

Sea Scout Term of the Month:

STOREKEEPER (noun)

Definition: The Storekeeper is similar to a Boy Scout Troop Quartermaster. Their job is to organize and keep track of all of the ship's equipment and prepare it before ship activities.

I hope your summer was full of water fun! With the school year starting, how are you going to continue having Sea Scout fun? Start planning now, and your "off season" will be truly spectacular!

~ Katie Bruton



250 Years of Adventure

Have you heard of the **Fall Fun Rally**? Do you know what it is?

The Fall Fun Rally is the largest Venturing event in the nation. It's a weekend full of hundreds of fun-filled activities for everyone. This year, it will take place September 26-28, 2014 at Beaumont Scout Ranch near St. Louis, MO. Some of the activities throughout the weekend will include Angry Birds live, giant twister, giant checkers live, crate stacking, fencing, mud caving, and so much more! Area 3 Venturing will also be putting on many different trainings on Saturday and Sunday about all things Venturing. There will be classes about the new awards, the new general changes, VOAs, Sea Scouting, photography, and more! The Fall Fun Rally is open to all Scouts of the Venturing age and their advisors. Over 1,000 Scouts from around the nation attend annually to join in on the fun. This year, the theme of the Fall Fun Rally is celebrating 250 years of St. Louis with a Doctor Who twist. For more information and to register for this amazing weekend, go to: <http://fallfunrally.org/2014>. To watch a video about the Fall Fun Rally, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHOXwe3W3S8&feature=youtu.be&list=UUi123eORtNi1DOZrxSYoWA>



It only happens once a year, so sign up soon and don't miss out on all of the fun! Be sure to check out every Venturing Facebook group and Twitter feed! The Fall Fun Rally will surely take social media by storm!

~ Katie Bruton



Recipe of the Month

Campfire Cone

Supplies:

- 1 Roll of aluminum foil
- 1 Sugar Cones
- Peanut Butter
- Mini Marshmallows
- Chocolate Chips
- 1/2 Banana

Preparation:

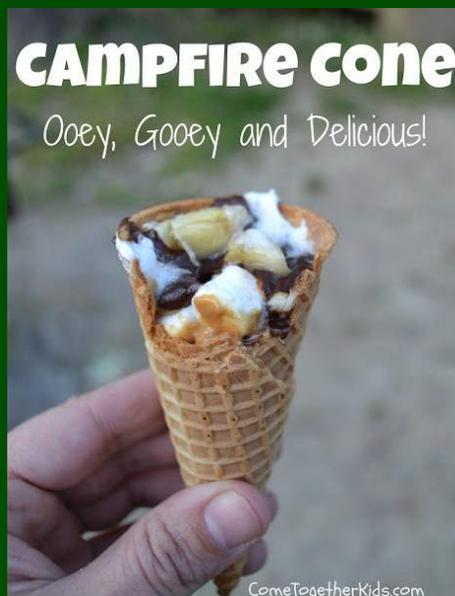
Prepare campfire

Instructions:

Put Peanut Butter, Marshmallows, Chocolate, and chopped Banana into Sugar Cone. Wrap in aluminum foil and cook over an open fire. ENJOY!

CAMPFIRE cone

Ooey, Goopy and Delicious!



ComeTogetherKids.com

Have you tried this recipe? Email a picture and your review to vp-communications@crventuring.org!

Caption Contest

This Month's Photo:



"Just keep swimming, just keep swimming, just keep swimming, swimming, swimming!"

~ Caption Submitted By: Katlin Adams

Last Month's Photo:



Jane says, "Who is this Tarzan you speak of?"

~ Caption Submitted By: John Kavanaugh

We know you can do better than this caption! Watch out for the next Caption Contest Photo on Facebook and comment on Facebook or send your caption to vp-communications@crventuring.org.

Name That Camp!!

Each edition of the Central Point will feature a photo from a Boy Scout camp in the Central Region. Can you name that camp?

This Month:



Last Month:



John S. Swift Base

Madison County, MO

Program Offerings: Camping, Backpacking, Kayaking, Canoeing, Boating, Swimming, and much, much more!

For more information regarding camps throughout the Central Region, go to Where to Go Venturing: [click here](#)

If you would like your photo to be a "Name that Camp?" clue, please email it to Brian Parro at

vp-communications@crventuring.org.

Central Connection!

Check out the most recent Central Connection episodes at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXbo0J-Q6Xn1QWFM0dr_gcg! This summer has been full of educational Central Connections, all about the Changes to Venturing! Check back on September 10th and September 24th for brand new episodes of the Central Connection!

Did You Know...

- In 2012, Scouting was voted the most inspirational and practical charity in the United Kingdom
- In the past one hundred years, over **half a billion** men and women have taken the Scout Promise, that is larger than the population of North America!
- In the past decade, over 243,000 girls have joined Scouting, primarily through Venturing!
- Scouts have accounted for 72% of all Rhodes Scholars, the most prestigious grant in America for college students!



Message from the Advisor



Hello Central Region,

Fall is finally upon us! (Well, at least as far as the calendar goes.) Football is back on TV, school is back in session, and memories of our summer adventures still sparkle in our minds. Even though the daylight begins to shorten, our spirit for Venturing doesn't. In fact, this is the prime time to spread the word! As

open houses and first night activities are conducted around the region (& country), how can you best promote Venturing in your local community, school, and place of worship? How can you best show others what our amazing program has to offer?

Some of my favorite memories in Venturing are participating at activities that have many participants like Area fun events. There are many outstanding gatherings and help to bring hundreds of Venturers and advisors together to share in the celebration of everything that our program is. But, how can we show others outside of the program what they are missing?

The Ice-Bucket Challenge for ALS has been all the rage lately on social media. While many may feel a particular way for or against the viral activity, the fact remains that ALS awareness has increased, and that organization is reporting nearly 42 million dollars of donations as a result of participation!



So Central Region, I give you your challenge for the month: How can we increase Venturing awareness and recruit more to the program we love?

Yours in Venturing,

Kris

Kris Zahrobky

Central Region Venturing Chairman



Tell Us About Your Crew!

What makes your crew the best crew out there? What have you done recently that was fun and exciting? Submit your story to and it will appear in the next edition of the Central Point!

Has your crew ever played a live version of Where's Waldo? How about dressed up like superheroes to go bowling?

Submit a short story or even a longer one about your crew's activities! If you have pictures, please include those, too your story.

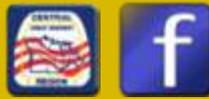
[Click Here to send your story.](#)

Submit your Venturing event on the Central Region Website!

Go to <http://crventuring.org> and click on the "submit a calendar event" button on the lower left side of the page. Fill out the form, and now you will be able reach thousands of Venturers to come to your event!



Area 1



Upcoming events:

September 5th-7th, 2014, Powderhorn, Haugen and Rhinelander, WI

September 20th, 2014, Venturing Leader Specific Training, Hartford, WI

October 10th- 12th, 2014, Smiles Fall Venturing Event, Rheinlander, WI

President: [Michael O'Hara](#)



Advisor: [Chris Sandberg](#)



Area 2



Upcoming Events:

September 12th-14th, 2014, Outdoor Adventures Program Conference, Metamora, MI

September 19th- 21st, 2014, Venturing Training and Fellowship Extravaganza, Commerce Twp, MI

October 3rd- 5th, 2014, Outdoor Ethics Training, Metamora, MI

President: [Joey Jenkins](#)



Advisor: [Jeff Gerald](#)



Area 3



Upcoming events:

September 26th- 28th, 2014, Fall Fun Rally, High Ridge, MO

Also, check out Area 3's YouTube page!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CRVenturingArea3>

President: [Katie Bruton](#)



Advisor: [Bob Vogt](#)



Area 4



Upcoming Events:

September 6th, 2014, Area 4 Training Conference, Peninsula, OH

September 12th- 14th, 2014, Wood Badge, Camp Stigwandish, OH

October 3rd- 5th, 2014, Area 4 Leadership Conference, Coshocton, OH

President: [Nate Steele](#)



Advisor: [Duane Zobrist](#)



Area 5



Upcoming Events:

October 10th-12th, 2014, Powderhorn, Sedan, KS

October 10th- 12th, 2014, Mid America Jubilee, Mahoney State Park, NE

November 11th, 2014, Area 5 Leadership Conference, Kansas City, KS

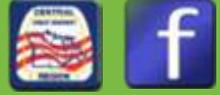
President: [Ramin Rostampour](#)



Advisor: [Julie Dalton](#)



Area 6



Upcoming Events:

November 7th- 9th, 2014, Taste of Venturing, Lafayette, IN

President: [Jennifer Bullock](#)



Advisor: [Carla Gargas](#)



Area 7



Upcoming Events:

October 4th, 2014, Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza, Morris, IL

March 7th, 2014, Area 7 Venturing Conference, Gurnee, IL

President: [Katlin Adams](#)



Advisor: [Rachel Zahrobsky](#)



President's Corner



Happy September Central Region!

How were you introduced to Venturing? Do you have a friend that invited you to a fun event? Did you see a poster for Venturing and decide it was the perfect fit because you like the outdoors? Once you attended an event or meeting, what made you come back?

As we begin the month of September, it is important for us to remind ourselves of the answers to these questions. With school back in full swing, it is the perfect time for events specifically

designed to recruit new members. Youth attending a new school are likely looking for organizations to get involved with and youth that may have become distant over the summer are likely looking to get back involved with their favorite clubs. Hosting a recruiting event, such as an open house, is a great way to introduce youth to the Venturing program. How do you get these new youth to come back? While they are at the first event, it is key to make them feel included. Play a few team building games or create fun challenges to get everyone interacting. A personal invitation to come back can also go a long way. For example, I was introduced to Venturing because my older brother was involved in the program and I went along to an event with him. While I was there, several members of the crew took the time to learn my name and get to know me – this kindness and friendship is what made me want to come back.

This September, as you plan your crew's activities, choose one to specifically be a recruiting event. Have each member of the crew bring at least one friend along. At the event, play a few get to know you games and show the new members the bright, fun, and absolutely fantastic group of Venturers that you are. What YOU say to one person could make or break whether they join the crew – be the one to make the Venturing program for them!

Have a great September!

Emily

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Central Region Venturing President



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About Our Organization...

Venturing is a Scouting program for male and female youth ages 13-21 that lets youth experience new activities, build leadership skills, earn awards, make new friends, and of course have fun.

The Central Region is one of four regions of the Boy Scouts of America. This region includes the states of: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.